

TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

QUARTERLY REPORT: July – September, 2004

Budget: The Council's FY 05 budget was approved by the State Transportation Commission on July 29th and the Legislature on September 30th. The FY 05 budget is for \$1,626,400 which is the same amount as the FY 04 budget. Through the end of September the Council has expended \$473,058.

Data Collection: Training for the 2004 PASER data collection was completed and teams are currently in the field collecting road condition data. As of October 5th, 23,329 miles have been rated. This is 54% of the total miles expected to be rated.

Brochure: The Council has developed a promotional brochure explaining the major elements of an asset management process. About 2,500 copies have been distributed to local and regional agencies. Brochures have also been distributed to the AASHTO Standing Committee on Planning, the Subcommittee on Asset Management and at the AASHTO/TRB Peer Exchange. In addition, copies were given out at the Baltic Asset Management seminar held in Latvia. The brochure is also available on the Council's web page.

Pilot Project Guidelines: The Council adopted guidelines for the establishment of a process to judge various pilot projects. The Council put out a general call for projects through the regional planning agencies, Michigan Municipal League and the County Road Association of Michigan. The Council is interested in testing the process for collecting roadway condition data on local roads. Staff has received numerous inquiries but no projects have currently been submitted.

Public Presentations: Numerous public presentations were conducted during the quarter including the Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting and the Michigan Association of Regions/Michigan Transportation Planning Association Annual Meeting. Councilmember Kirk Steudle, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, went with a delegation to Latvia to discuss establishing an asset management program in that country. Mr. Steudle and Chairman Carmine Palombo participated in an asset management "peer exchange" in Washington, D. C., sponsored by AASHTO and TRB.

Member & Staff News: Councilmember John Kolessar, one of the representatives for the Michigan Municipal League, resigned his position in August. Mr. Kolessar has taken a new job out of state. Staff Coordinator Rick Lilly was recognized by the Michigan Association of Regions as their "2004 Outstanding State Official."